**ABSOLUTISM DIARY**

**DUE DATE- November 25/26, 2013**

This **project** will require you to **select one of the personalities** central to the development of absolutism. You will **create a diary** for that person to attain an understanding of the motives and inspirations of the individual in the creation of his/her position or theory.

**Cover** – create an appropriate cover for your diary. Include a picture of your subject on the cover. It can also be decorated in the style of the period of your topic.

**Diary entries** – you will write several entries (at least 5) covering the important events in the life of your subject. Remember to **write as if you are the person** – i.e. I was, I did, etc. Include the following information:

1. Birth and death dates (ex. “I am told that I was born on a cold, damp day in January of 1630.”) (“I am making the final entry in the diary of my dear husband, King XXXX who died on this day of 12 January 1630. May God rest his soul.”)
2. Early life/family/education (ex. “My earliest memories of childhood….”)
3. Situation that brought him/her to the throne (i.e. “My father died today and although I am only 3 years old, I will be crowned King of Persimia on the morrow.”)
4. Describe the difficulties encountered by your person in accomplishing his/her goals – opposing parties and ideas, rebellions, religious concerns, popular opinion (ex. “I could not believe it! The Protestants actually won and I had to flee!”)
5. Write about **one specific event** in your life, what happened on that day and why it was important. (ex. “Today will be remembered for a long time.”)

Make sure that the dates of your entries are appropriate to the time in which your person lived and as accurate as possible. You may type or print neatly.

**Sources** – the last page of the diary should be a list of sources. Format must be accurate. You must cite at least 2 different reliable sources. LMC has samples of how to do this.

**Monarchs/Rulers**

Elizabeth I James I Lord Oliver Cromwell

Charles I James II Cardinal Richelieu

Louis XIV Peter I Napoleon Bonaparte

William and/or Mary Phillip II